

PART 4-i “Short Talks”





English Teachers On Call

TOEIC WORKBOOK PART 4-i INSTRUCTION:

In Part 4 of TOIEC you will listen to a short talk. It might be an announcement, a radio advertisement, or a telephone recording. You will listen to the talk and read a few questions about it.

Tomorrow's issue will be the last one for our newspaper. We all knew this day was coming, and it is a sad day. We lost almost \$20 million last year, and the owners have tried to sell the paper but no one wants to buy it in this economy. I want to thank all of you, all the editors, writers, photographers, page designers, printers -- everyone who helped make this paper a city institution for the past 150 years. It's been a pleasure and an honour working with you and supervising you. As you've heard, we will continue to have an online news site with a staff of 25. This re-designed website will begin tomorrow. We hope that it will help fill the gap left by the departed print product. Meanwhile, we have one more issue to put out. Let's get to work and make it the best it can be.

1. Who is the intended audience?

- a.) The general public
- b.) University students
- c.) Newspaper employees
- d.) Magazine advertisers

2. Who most likely is the speaker?

- a.) Publisher
- b.) Reporter
- c.) Photographer
- d.) Customer

3. What will begin tomorrow?

- a.) A new TV program
- b.) A news website
- c.) A newspaper
- d.) A recession

Thank you Dr. Seymour. Our next presenter, Dr. Wesley Kidd, has done extensive research on the effects of cell-phone radiation on the human brain. Dr. Kidd is a native of Florida, where he earned a bachelor's in science before moving here and getting his masters and PhD at State University. He has spent the past two years studying cell-phone radiation under a grant from the National Institute of Health. Next year, he has been invited to join a prestigious committee of international scientists to continue his work in Stockholm, Sweden, for three more years. Dr. Kidd plans today to give a Power Point presentation outlining the preliminary results of his research, followed by practical recommendations about cell-phone use. Please hold all questions, and we'll have about 15 minutes at the end of the presentation for a question-and-answer session. Also, while we're on the subject of cell phones, a friendly reminder: please turn off or mute all cell phones, beepers and other alarms during the presentation. Thank you, and without further ado, please join me in extending a warm welcome to Dr. Wesley Kid.

1. Where is this introduction probably taking place?

- a.) In stadium
- b.) At a staff meeting
- c.) **At a conference**
- d.) In a public park

2. What will Dr. Kidd do next year?

- a.) Retire from working
- b.) **Continue his research**
- c.) Study another subject
- d.) Receive his PhD

3. What will the listeners probably do next?

- a.) Turn on their cell phones
- b.) Ask questions
- c.) Leave the room
- d.) **Applaud**

Welcome to Jasson Industries' new employee orientation. My name is Wendy Cho, and I will be spending about 30 minutes introducing you to the schedule for this week's training. At 10:30 we will take a brief break, and then Karen Maitland from the personnel and benefits office will go over the forms in your packet and answer any questions you may have about company policies. Karen has been with the company since it was started and has lots of information to share with you. Lunch will be provided from 12:00 noon to one o'clock. In the afternoon, we'll start with an excellent video about the history of Jasson Industries. Following the video, at 3:30, we will break up into groups by the department you' ll be working in, and you will meet your group trainers. Your technical training will begin tomorrow. Your trainers will explain where and when to meet and give you any materials you will need to get started

1. Who is the speaker probably addressing?

- a.) A group of technical trainers
- b.) A group of new employees**
- c.) Guest at a special dinner
- d.) Historian at a convention

2. What will Karen Maitland do?

- a.) Answer questions about policies**
- b.) Talk about company products
- c.) Lead a tour of the company
- d.) Meet with the trainers

3. When will a video be shown?

- a.) This morning
- b.) This afternoon**
- c.) Tomorrow morning
- d.) Tomorrow afternoon

Hi, it's good to meet you all. My name's Joe Coleman and I'll be working in accounting. I grew up in San Diego, and I have a BA in political science from Malibu University. Before coming here to Martz Brothers, I worked six years as an accountant at Marshall & Boyer in Salt Lake City, and for three years as comptroller at the Sexson Company in San Francisco. I've been married for five years now, and we have two kids, ages one and three. My wife, Sarah, worked many years for Lehman and Sons before taking time off to have children. Now she's trying to launch a small public relations company while also being a full-time housewife. For my hobbies, I like reading, swimming, watching movies, and I love football. In fact, I used to play at Malibu

1. Who is the intended audience for this introduction?

a.) **Business colleagues**

b.) Fellow classmates

c.) Potential voters

d.) Public relations staff

2. Where did the speaker say he had worked previously?

a.) In Malibu

b.) At Lehman and Sons

c.) **In San Francisco**

d.) In San Diego

3. What will the speaker likely to talk about next?

a.) His previous job at Marshall & Boyer

b.) **His college football experience**

c.) His wife's favourite hobbies

d.) His salary at Martz Brothers